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Advisory Action

Application No.

09/818,721

Applicant(s)

SANSONE ET AL.

Examiner

Thong H Vu

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THE REPLY FILED 20 December 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☒ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - (c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: see attach.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☐ will not be entered or b) ☒ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____

Claim(s) objected to: _____

Claim(s) rejected: 1-6.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____
10. ☐ Other: _____

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 12/20/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive to overcome the prior art.

1. Applicant argues the prior art does not teach depositing physical mail with a carrier (a post or courier, e.g. DHL, FedEx, UPS, Airborne, etc., specification page 3 lines 12-15).

Examiner points out the recipient would use an equipment such as a barcode, scanner connected to a computer system which linked to the carrier network and Internet [Hilt, Internet, col 4 lines 55-63; the postal service (carrier), col 13 lines 28-36; the physical mail generator, col 11 lines 47-62]. It was clearly the process depositing physical mail by a carrier is only a first step to provide the physical mail to an apparatus which translates to email address as taught by the prior art.

2. Applicant argues the prior art does not teach capture the name and physical address of recipient.

Examiner points out the prior art taught the database (or a source) provides physical address included names [Hilt, first name, col 7 lines 8-50; col 8 lines 15-30] and capture the name and physical address [Hilt, extracts the physical mailing address, col 10 lines 8-20]. It's clearly that the extraction of the physical address included the name, col 7 lines 8-50].

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3. Applicant argues the prior art does not teach notifying the sender.

Examiner points out the sender is notified [Hilt, the sender may be so notified, col 12 lines 49-64].

4. Applicant argues the prior art does not teach notifying the recipient.

Examiner points out the notifying the recipient is an alternative choice of notify technique [Hilt, the sender may be so notified, col 12 lines 49-64].

Thus, the rejection is sustained.

Thong Vu
Patent Examiner
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